

Gorge Dam PCT Call
11-13/19 11:30 EST

Attendees:

USEPA : Mary Beth Giancarlo, Karla Auker
Jacobs: Marty Rief
SMP: Mike Johnson, Elain March
City of Akron: Pat Gsellman, Heather Ullinger
City of Cuyahoga Falls: Tony Demassie

Status of Field Work:

Two more locations to be drilled after the one they are working on today.

Sediment work delayed until week of December 2nd

Chuckery Area findings: soft fill, shallow water levels from 1'-5' BGS. Pretty consistent coverage. Weather has slowed things down a little bit. Brief meeting today with SMP regarding trail conditions/damage and whether we need to postpone additional work.

Mike Johnson/SMP – Met with Drew and drilling team this morning. SMP worried about trail damage. Timber matting may help. SMP does not want to delay the sampling because of weather since weather and soil conditions it will be like this until Spring. SMP did not anticipate damage to the trail. Mike needs to talk to his operations people to decide how to minimize the impact to the trail and how to fix it. There are deep ruts with ponded water and ice. SMPs would not like the public on the trail as it is now because the public expects a fairly uniform surface on the trail. Mike will talk to Operations folks. They may just want to close the trail, especially considering the work being done on the road leading to the Chuckery Area.

Marty: One boring location tomorrow and final location Friday. Development of piezometers will happen next week but contractor won't need to use equipment that will damage trail. Jacobs should be off site by next Friday.

Elaine: Please talk about what you mean by "no surprises"

Marty: Historical boring logs showed 5'-15' of urban fill. We also found urban fill in similar thicknesses.

Mary Beth: Thanks Mike and Heather for helping with project. Thanks to Heather for taking a large number of calls regarding the sewer.

Round Table

Ohio EPA: Nothing to share

SMPs: Elaine said they've been doing a lot of presentations. Are there any pictures she can have for their presentations. Mary Beth said that Jacobs will post pictures on the One Drive in "field activities, daily reports" file.

City of Akron: Heather and Par met with Finance and Law Departments. They need to generate an agreement allowing the City to pay USEPA from the ODNR grant for work completed. Akron can't pay invoices over a certain amount without an agreement. MB wonders whether we can add Akron as a signatory to the Project Agreement. Heather will talk to Law Department about that. Pat prefers to do a separate agreement. Also, Heather got an extension to the ODNR grant until Dec 31, 2020.

Did Drew receive a key to Akron's lock? Heather will work with Drew on that.

MB asked Marty to ask Drew to get the key to Heather and find out whether he ever got a key to Akron's lock.

Cuyahoga Falls: Fire Department has done 2 rescues in the River in the area of the Gorge. Please remind people to be careful and have a phone with them.

Next PCT Mtg 12/11. Stakeholder meeting is on 12/12 so we will cancel the meeting on the 11th and Jacobs will give an update on the 12th.

Pat would like to move the 12th meeting to 8:30 or 9:00. Elaine will send out an e-mail polling the stakeholders regarding their availability the morning of the 12th.